Statement

Facilities for testing blood received in the blood banks for HIV Virus (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) are now available in 128 centres.

The Directorate General of Health Services had issued guidelines to Directors of Health Services of all States/U.T. Governments in February, 1989 to establish linkages between the blood banks and zonal blood testing centres. In pursuance of these guidelines all the blood banks located in the zones were linked with the Zonal Blood Testing Centres.

During the course of this financial year, facilities for testing HIV infection will be established in all the public sector blood banks managed by Central/State Governments and U.T. Administrations. In respect of blood banks managed by private and voluntary organisations, it is proposed to make it obligatory to have testing facilities for HIV and other diseases as a part of the licensing conditions. Necessary amendments to the Rules under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act are being notified.

Cleansing of river Yammuna

*49. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a plan for cleansing of river Yamuna on the pattern of Ganga Action Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the investment proposed for the project; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be launched and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) A scheme for pollution abatement of river Yamuna has been formulated, details of which are being worked out.

Construction of by Passes in Rajasthan

*50. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rajasthan Government has requested early approval of the construction of Jaipur bypass zones 'C' and 'D' and of alignment of zones B1 and B2, construction of Udaipur by-pass, alignemnt of Chomu by-pass; and alignment and construction of Kota bypass;

(b) if so, what is the present stage of approval in each of the cases; and

(c) what amount is likely to be sanctioned during the year 1992-93 as well as the provisions made in this regard in the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The status of each of these projects is given below:—

(i) Entire land for Zone C and part of land for Zone D of Jaipur Bypass has already been acquired by the Government. The remaining land in Zone D involves forest clearance, about which the component authority is still to give approval. Zones C and D are to be constructed together for proper utilisation of the bypass. This will be taken up after land in the entire length in Zones C & D is available. Alignment in the portions of Zones B1 and B2 as proposed by the State has not been found feasible.

(ii) The land for Udaipur Bypass has been acquired. However, details of the project, which will be taken up in phases, are still under preparation by the State.

(iii) & (iv) The alignment for bypasses at Kota and Chomu has not been taken up, since these bypasses have not been included in any of the plans so far.

(c) It is too early to indicate the provision made for above schemes in the Eighth